

of Mr. Franck as an aid in keeping the Society together, and to its resumption of activity after a period of dormancy.

The 1936 certificate of incorporation of the Brooklyn Entomological Society was filed in Albany on February 10, and as in 1885 Mr. Leng was one of the incorporators. The others were William T. Davis, Ernest Shoemaker, George P. Engelhardt and Carl George Siepmann. The original certificate was deposited with the New York Historical Society for safe keeping, as recorded in the *Bulletin* for February, 1937, vol. 32, page 37.

The resolution adopted by the Society at its meeting of February 13 has appeared in the February issue of the *Bulletin*, and expresses the feeling of sorrow and regret that we feel at the passing of our genial, helpful and learned friend, who ever had in mind the welfare of our Society.

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**An Unrecorded Sleeping Habit of *Dolichovespula arenaria*, Fab. (Hymenoptera, Vespidae).**—Colonies of *Dolichovespula arenaria* Fab. were maintained in observation hives during the summer of 1939 at Lakeville, Conn.

During the hot, dry nights of late August, I noticed that a number of *arenaria* workers had abandoned their custom of sleeping within the nest. They were sleeping in the hive, and on the nest envelope. Further observations afield, at night, disclosed the fact that workers in other colonies of *arenaria* were similarly sleeping on the nest envelope. In both the hives, and in the field this practice was continued until the new brood of queens and males emerged. During this period, hived and free colonies of *Dolichovespula maculata* Lin. slept entirely within their nests.

On several occasions, I gently struck the *arenaria* nest envelope; whereupon a number of other workers would issue from the nest. This indicated that the whole ergate population did not sleep outside. Those individuals who did sleep outside never entered the nest when disturbed.

The weather was uniformly dry and warm, and I could not determine the part it played in this habit.

The *arenaria* nests are rather small and the large space occupied by the queen pupae might render the quarters somewhat cramped by accommodating the full complement of workers. It may well be that some of the workers sleep outside where it is more comfortable.

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